Stay for Repayment of Retired Teachers' own Contribution to his Provident Fund

127. Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO (Teacher's Constituency).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state : —

(*a*) whether under instructions from Government the Director of Public Instruction has ordered that repayment of a retired teacher's own contribution in his provident fund should be stayed ;

(*b*) if so, the reason for ordering such a stay ?

Sri N. M. KOTRABASAIAH SOGI (Deputy Minister for Education).-

(*a*) In respect of teachers who retired between 1st April 1963 and 31st March 1967, the Director of Public Instruction had ordered on 13th June 1969 that pending Government's decision on giving retrospective effect to the liberalised provisions of the Triple Benefit Scheme, payment of provident fund (including teacher's own share) should be withheld. No such instructions had, however, been issued by Government.

(*b*) This was due to a bona fide misunderstanding of Government's instructions in the matter.

Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO.—Has the D. P. I. corrected the circular which was issued through a misunderstanding ?

†Sri N. M. KOTRABASAIAH SOGI.—He has subsequently issued another circular on 18th August 1969 revising the original instructions.

Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO.—Is it a fact that according to Government insturctions the management's contribution is to be withheld ?

Sri N. M. KOTRABASAIAH SOGI.—The management's contribution and the Government contribution both have to be withheld as the matter is under examination by Government regarding applying the liberalised Triple Benefit Scheme.

Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO. -Whether it is the old scheme or revised scheme the management's contribution has to go to the teachers. Then why is it withheld ?

Sri N. M. KOTRABASAIAH SOGI.—After final decision is taken, if anything is to be settled it is to be settled along with the management's contribution also.